between India and these countries. All payments made to and received from these countries for imports/exports are made in Indian rupees only, except where the cost of such imports/exports are financed by means of grants/loans granted by the World Bank, IBRD etc. which are payable/receivable in foreign exchanges.

Export of Engineering Goods From southern States

1817. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Export Promotion Council of Southern Region has urged Government to ensure a timely disbursement of incentives in the context of increase in engineering exports from the Southern States to the tune of 55 crores and increase of 53 per cent over the last year; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to help the exporters of engineering goods from Southern States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN) : (a) No, Sir, However, Engineering Export Promotion Council have been generally representing for timely reimbursement of claims under International Price Reimbursement Scheme (IPRS), in respect of engineering exports from the country.

(b) Government have been taking all steps necessary to help exporters of engineering goods from the country, including exporters from the Southern States, to get incentives due to them under the provisions of Export-Import Policy and IPRS promptly.

1818. [Transferred to 27th August, 1990]

Export of Goods to Nepal and Bhutan by Nestles

1819. SHRI ASHIS SEN : SHRI DIPIN GHOSH :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what was Nestle's sales to Nepal and Bhutan during 1979 and the foreign exchange earned as a result thereof ;

(b) what is the meaning of exports through company's customers and Indian Coffee Board; and

(c) whether these exports through company's customers and Indian Coffee Board can be considered as foreign exchange earnings by Nestles ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) As per the information furnished by M/s. Nestles India Limited, their exports to Nepal and Bhutan during 1989 were as follows :

Sales to Nepal— Rs. 44.05 million

Sales to Bhutan— Rs. 14.13 million

Normally such exports to Nepal and Bhutan are paid for in Rupees.

(b) and (c) M/s. Nestles India Limited make available their manufacturing capacity for the manufacture of certain items against export orders negotiated by Indian Coffee Board or certain other Indian exporters. Foreign exchange earnings from such exports go to the credit of the Board of the concerned exporters and not to the credit of M/s. Nestles India Limited.